

## Research Aid Asked By Collector Writing On U.S. Mint Blocks

Here is a gentleman who needs help. He is L. H. McQueston, a philatelic researcher, who is preparing a monograph on the relative rarity of mint plate blocks in the earlier United States issues. To the present time, he has accumulated considerable interesting information in this respect, but for checking purposes, he needs help which can be obtained from readers only.

Mr. McQueston would appreciate any collectors and dealers telling him on a post card, or otherwise, of the plate number, position and denomination of such mint plate blocks of six of the Columbians, The Trans-Mississippi or the Pan Americans they may have or know to be in existence. As a return favor, Mr. McQueston will try to answer any question anyone may have on statistics about any issue in which they are interested. His address is 185 Puritan Ave., Highland Park 3, Mich.

## Corn Belt Collectors To Have Stamp Show

Three days of concentrated philatelic activity are in store for collectors and the public in Bloomington, Ill. and vicinity when the Corn Belt Philatelic Society of Bloomington hold an exhibition at the YMCA on December 5, 6, 7. The public will have the opportunity of viewing the show on each of the above days from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Highlight of the three days event will be the banquet and the annual meeting of the club during which the new officers of the club will be elected and installed. This will be scheduled to take place at the Masonic Temple. The banquet will have 6:30 as the starting time, following which will be the other events and a 100 lot auction.

Although the club was founded in 1933, it was inactive during the war years. Only recently, interested persons have bent their efforts to activate the club, and from the

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Postmaster General Bertrand announced that a special 4-cents postage stamp will be issued on Thursday, 15th January, 1948, to commemorate the marriage of her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten, R. N.

The over all dimensions of the stamp will be approximately 22mm. x 26 mm., and it will be vertical in arrangement. The stamp will bear a portrait of Princess Elizabeth, from a photograph by Dorothy Wilding of London, England. This portrait has been chosen by Her Royal Highness and approved by His Majesty The King. The colour has not yet been decided upon but will probably be reddish brown. The stamps will be issued in sheets of 100.

Plans are being laid to have the stamp placed on sale at all the principal Canadian Post Offices on the 15th January, 1948. First Day covers for philatelists will be handled only by the Postmaster at Ottawa. The stamp will also be on sale, by mail order, through the Philatelic Division of the Post Office Department in Ottawa, on and after the 15th of January.

looks of the results, these efforts have been quite successful. The group meets regularly the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the YMCA in Bloomington, and they are always happy to have visiting collectors and interested persons join them.

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## Donation Of Stamps Issued During Roosevelt Administration Recalls Incidents Relative To That Period

By Carl P. Rueth

On November 18, Postmaster General Hannegan presented a frame containing single copies of every commemorative stamp issued during the administration of the late President Roosevelt to Ivan Allen, Chairman of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Memorial Commission. This frame will be mounted in a prominent place in the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Georgia.

The intention of the gift, said Postmaster General Hannegan, is to provide a memorial frame of stamps that will be a constant reminder to the thousands who visit the Warm Springs Shrine of the late President's keen interest in stamp collecting.

Stamp collectors who know their U. S. stamps will recall that the Little White House is pictured on the 2c value of the recently issued Roosevelt series of stamps. The other designs of the same series portray the family home at Hyde Park in New York state on the 1c stamp, while the 3c value pictures the White House in Washington, D. C., the place where the late president resided as the chief executive of this nation longer than any other person.

Other stamps that are issued in commemoration are the 5c value of the Roosevelt series on which is written the Four Freedoms, and the stamps issued in commemoration of the United Nations Conference in San Francisco, also a 5c. The latter was the first stamp issued by the United States after the death of Roosevelt, and it was partly in tribute to the "Chief," who was keenly interested in the Conference, that his name was included on the stamp.

When he assumed office in 1933, Roosevelt took over the guiding reins for a nation that was very much in a depression. It is easy to understand why in the first few months of his first term of office that he had little time to devote to the printing, or the design of stamps. Getting his official house in order was the first requirement of the new president, and while he gave some small attention to stamps, it wasn't until later in his first administration that the interest became intense.

The first stamp issued after he assumed the presidency was the Newburgh stamp, so named because it was from Newburgh, N. Y. that George Washington had issued the Peace Proclamation ending the War For Independence, officially, an event 150 years old at that time. We first find the president's active interest in a stamp design when he went along with the proposals to issue a 3c

stamp to popularize the "NRA." He is said to have had a lot of fun from this one, kidding his inner circle about their alleged resemblance to the characters pictured.

The issuance of souvenir sheets was resumed at this time, too. Only one had been issued previously and this was the White Plains sheet in 1926. Now the president lent a willing ear to the pleas of the National societies for their requests of souvenir sheets. In the years from 1933 to 1937, the Post Office Department released seven sheets and stopped only then cause collectors were putting up a howl of protest. Thus after the 10c Smoky Mountain sheet, the Post Office Department adopted the policy of printing no more of them, until for the CIPEX of this year, when collectors demanded, one to be printed.

In all the early efforts in connection with the issuance of stamps, the president had a most businesslike and intelligent right hand man. This was James Farley, the Postmaster General, and at the same time the Chairman of the Democratic Party. In tribute to Farley, it can be said that the designs of the stamps issued during his tenure of office have been more acceptable and appropriate than during a like period before, or since.

Roosevelt will never lack a memory for a long time at least among stamp collectors. His own collection when broken up and sold by a prominent auction firm brought fantastic prices, not for the quality of the material offered, but for the fact it was part of his personal collection. A lot of this hysteria has since died off, but Roosevelt items still command a disproportionate price.

A fair sample of this is the ease with which a Roosevelt issue from any country can be sold. Whether it is a good stamp, or a bad stamp, an official issue, or a fraudulent one, whatever it is, the magic name takes these bits of paper through the marts of stamps into the hands of the Roosevelt fans.

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BRAZIL. We illustrate the Brazilian issue released in connection with Motherhood Week. The color is blue.



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Tunis Mosque, New	(2) .69
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of three semi-postals has just been received. Denominations and colors are as follows: 40f. plus 40f., head of Lenin, olive green and brown; 60f. plus 60f. allegorical figure, scarlet and slate blue; 1ft. plus 1ft., head of Stalin, bright blue and black. The stamps are printed by rotogravure and appear almost three-dimensional. The issue celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Soviet Union, and is said to be limited in number issued.

NORWAY. The current set of Officials, Scott's type 03, has had the following values added: 50 ore, brown-lilac, and 200 ore, orange.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. To honor the ECAFE (Economic Commission in Asia and the Far East) which will meet in Brazil from November 24th to December 5th the Republic of the Philippines will issue a set of stamps which will show the seal of the United Nations. The size of the stamp to be 7/8"x1-7/16", printed in sheets of 50. Quantities and denominations are as follows: 4 Centavos (perf 500,000, imperf. 100,000); 6 Centavos (perf 300,000, imperf. 100,000); 12 Centavos (perf 300,000, imperf. 100,000).

VIET NAM REPUBLIC (French Indo-China). We have just been shown 49 values bearing various surcharges but in every case the words "Viet Nam" and beneath it new values or other inscriptions. A detailed list of these would be too long but we list below the Scott's catalogue numbers of the basic stamps which we saw overprinted. The following numbers are from the 1947 Scott catalogue, pages 442, 443, 444, and 445: No. 230 and No. 231, No. 241 and No. 242, No. 245 and No. 246, No. 253, 254, 255, 256, 257 and No. 258, No. 217, 218, 219, 220 and 221, No. 238, 239 and 240, No. 261, No. 236, and No. 237, B30-31, No. 213 and No. 214, No. 249 and No. 250, No. 251 and No. 252, No. 216, No. 224, No. 233, No. 219-221.

According to the information which accompanied these stamps the Government of Viet Nam has been in existence since 1946 and are recognized by the French authorities as a legitimate issue. In addition to the overprint varieties listed above there is also a five-value set showing a portrait of Ho-Chi-Mint, the revolutionary leader of Viet Nam.

VENEZUELA. The current set of airmails, Scott's type AP16 has undergone changes of colors for the following 11 denominations: 12 1/2c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 45c, 50c, 70c, 90c, 3B, 5B and 10B. The 10B will be the first stamp of this design in this denomination.



A.M.G.—F.T.T. A 38th value of Trieste Free Territory issue has been received: It is an 8 Lire orange red for "Authorized Delivery." This new stamp replaces the small one Lire overprint which is already obsolete as the rate has been changed. The basic stamp on which this overprint has been applied, has not as yet been sold in Italy. Of the 38 Trieste FTT overprints, three values are now obsolete, the authorized delivery one Lire and the two lowest values of the postage set, all three having a face value too small for any franking purpose.

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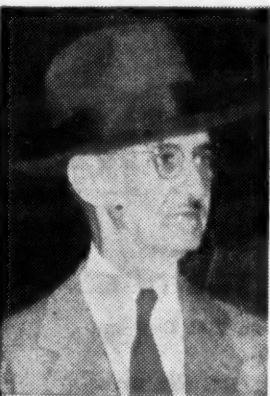
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## About Stamp Catalogues

This is not being written with any intention of an attack on the Scott Catalogue or any other catalogue but is a frank discussion about Cataloguing Stamps. This subject has been brought closer to my mind and has been given



GEO. LINN

more thought in the past few months than heretofore, because of the fact that there has been quite a bit of discussion on this subject on account of the numerous questionable Roosevelt issues that have come on to the market. The publishers of the Scott Catalogue have publicly made statements concerning some of these issues and with particular reference to leaving some of them out of their albums. Leaving stamps out of printed albums is not an unusual thing for there is so much in the catalogue that has never been given space in an

album that leaving out a few more should make no difference. However it would appear that any recognized catalogue should list any stamp that has been used for postage in any country regardless of how limited the use or how questionable the issue. When one comes to "parting the hairs" to determine just which should and which should not be included one is undertaking a task that always leads to question and dispute and one is almost certain to show favoritism in some instances and in instances that are perhaps as deserv-ing of being ditched as other stamps have been ditched.

I have been quite interested in looking into some of these stamps that have been left out of the Scott catalogue for reasons best known to the publishers, but explained by the statements that "these stamps are not recognized by us as having been issued primarily for postal purposes."

In the face of this statement, we find the United States Farley reprints listed as regular postage issues and given full recognition by Scott, yet the Gibbons Catalogue of London omits their listing. It should be remembered by collectors that these stamps were never on sale in any post office in the United States.

They were of course good for postage and large quantities were used for postage as we all know.

Now just for comparison, I have for some years been collecting Triangle shaped stamps. I have just determined that there are about 450 different major varieties of triangle stamps in existence. Counting minor varieties the number would probably run up to 700 to 800 different. As a field it is a remarkable fertile one with great possibilities for interest in a specialized way.

In checking through the Scott Catalogue I come to Lithuania. On page 577 of the 1947 edition of the catalogue I find a number of sets of triangles which Scott mentions, illustrates a few and excuses the whole lot with the statement that they do not consider that these stamps were issued primarily for postal purposes. This is just one example, there are many others.

Well, I have many of these stamps on covers, some are registered covers to foreign countries and even to the United States and are with proper backstamps, others are Zeppelin Flight covers with all sorts of postal markings and backstamps. There is no doubt but that these stamps did carry this mail and as such are unquestionably postage issues of the country. There is also no doubt but that they were short issues for a very limited period and were not generally on sale throughout the country, yet that is so true of so many other stamps that are in the catalogue that the omission of some and the inclusion of others seems like a very questionable practice.

As a solution to this problem we are inclined to believe that the catalogue listing system as adopted by and now in use in the Sanabria Air Post Catalogue might well be used by Scott in giving a true listing of stamps. Under the Sanabria system small symbols are used with key numbers to distinguish stamps of different ratings of legitimacy. Stamps without taint as to their issue and use are given one rating. Stamps which were issued in limited number and sold only at a select point or for a period of a day or so are given another rating and other stamps of even less legitimacy are given still another rating.

By such a system one has a complete listing, yet has also the facts as regards the various issues and can then use their own judgment as to whether to buy or to ignore the particular stamps.

Since none of the catalogues have ever set up a standard which must be met by stamps to be included in the catalogue it does not seem right that the publishers should arbitrarily include some issues and omit others, when some that are included stink as much as some that are excluded.

A recognized catalogue or list should be complete. If there is doubt or question as to the rating of any issue, that can be noted, but certainly any stamps that were accepted for postal use by any country rate recognition for that fact.

If and when the cataloguers set up a standard by which they will judge stamps to be included in the catalogue, we will not question the inclusion or exclusion of any stamp so long as they apply their own rule in an impartial manner.

## Adequate Protection Provided By Police For Congress Exhibits

Both Henry Gates general Chairman and Hil F. Best, Council chairman of the 13th American Philatelic Congress to be held in Detroit at the Detroit-Leland Hotel under the sponsorship of the Michigan Stamp Club are loud in their praise of the police policy of Mayor Edward J. Jeffries Jr.

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In a letter from Kennedy Laurence, Deputy Superintendent it was stated that Inspector Arthur Heidt, in command of the First Precinct had been instructed to make the necessary arrangements for a police detail in connection with the American Philatelic Congress to be held December 5, 6 and 7. This is one of the finest gestures ever made by a police department.

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Even the imitation red leather Premoid cover with its green plastic binding carries the spirit of the season. On it, in gold ink is the wording "Christmas Seals." The pages on which the seals are to be mounted are tastefully prepared. There are 36 in all, and each is printed in the three colors of red, green and buff. Twelve of them contain printed facsimiles for mounting the actual seals. Immediately following the frontispiece, is the story of the origin and the development of the Christmas Seal.

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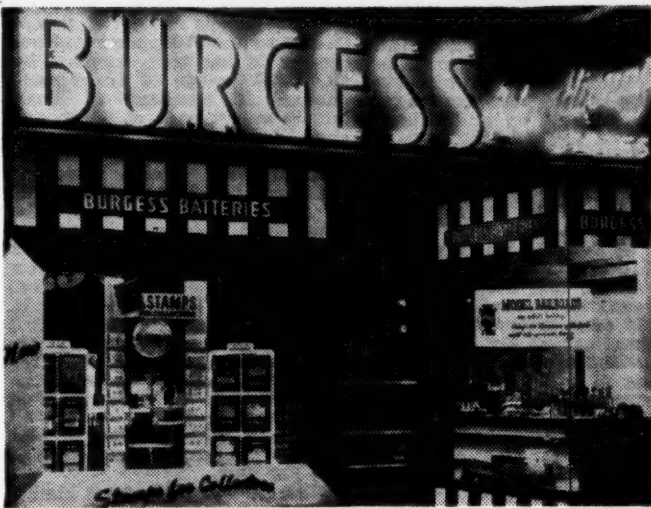


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This is the window which featured the opening of the stamp department at The Burgess Handicraft Stores, 182 No. Wabash Avenue, Chicago 1, Illinois, on October 18, 1947. Great interest was centered on the interesting items from the collection of Mr. Arthur Barger, philatelic advisor for the Burgess Stamp Department, Mr. Richard Breeden, Sales Manager, for all the Burgess Stores, reported that in stores which cater to all hobbies, stamps have a definite place. Miss Elizabeth Morehouse, manager of the Chicago Burgess store, welcomes all hobby people, and is always on hand to advise and talk hobbies. On the opening day, Mr. George W. Linn was an honored guest of the store. He viewed with interest the fine display of stamps and he went away feeling that many new collectors are in the making because of this new stamp department. Readers are asked to note the covers mounted on the black album pages in the window display. These are the well known "Silver Streak" pages for covers produced and sold by Linn Philatelic Products.

## Australian Christmas Seal Is Tall, Dark And Handsome

Another Australian Christmas Seal can be shown to our readers through the courtesy of Keith W. Tucker of Australia. In the November 17 issue on page 15, we carried the story and the illustration of the South Australia Christmas Seal for 1947. Now we are privileged to show the Seal for West Australia. Mr. Tucker has furnished us the details and the seal this time also.



The first thing that will attract the eye is the length of the seal, it being at least twice the ordinary height. Next will be the attractiveness of the design. It might be said that the seal is truly Australian in design, showing the five stars which form the famous "Southern Cross" in a heaven of blue. A ray of starlight reaches the earth illuminating the red cross of Lorraine. A tree, a lighted window and the legend "1947 Greetings" complete the design.

Designer of the seal was J. Lungi of Perth, while the plates were made by Gibbney & Son, and the printing performed by Patterson's Printing Press, Ltd. Overall dimensions of the seal are 20mm x 44mm, and these are printed in sheets of 60 with roulette perforations. A total of 10,000 sheets in a four color printing were made.

These seals are for the war on Tuberculosis in Australia the same as the ones that are issued yearly in the United States by the T. B. Association. They can be purchased without premium from Mr. Tucker, 270 Glenlyon Rd., North Fitzroy N7, Melbourne, Australia. They are also available from Mr. A. J. Bishop, Secretary of the West Australia TB Association, 97 St. Georges Terrace, Perth, Western Australia. Cost of the seals is 72 for \$1.00 United States money, and you must include an amount for postage to carry your return of the seals by air, or by surface transportation.

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### Interesting Article On Stamp Printing Inks In Trade Paper

The hobby has been treated to a plethora of articles on stamp paper, even on watermarks, but we don't recall any really scientific analysis of the inks that are used for printing the little bits of paper that bring us so much happiness. Hence the appearance of a splendidly written article on the subject in the "Interchemical Review," published by the Research Laboratories of Interchemical Corporation. The article is written by Mr. Milton Zucker, but we understand that much of the philatelic information contained in it was contributed by Mr. Keith Misegades, of Red Bank, N. J., a stamp collector of many years standing, whose collection of ordinary two cent stamps in all possible varieties is quite well known.

Mr. Zucker states in his article that there are three groups of people interested in inks that go into printing of postage stamps and other stamped paper: the printer and ink manufacturer, the government, and the stamp collector.

The lack of previous articles on the subject is surprising, for it is the ink itself that creates so many varieties for us to collect: errors of color, differences in shades, and other similar things. From the Government's angle, the ink is important as it must be one that will enable the stamp to hold its color, and resist all attempts at cleaning and counterfeiting.

The article is well illustrated with photographs showing the printing of stamps in Washington, and several valuable photographs showing in enlarged size, and greatly magnified size the differ-

ences between stamps printed by the offset process, and by engraving, and the differences between stamps printed by engraving and photogravure. The section dwelling on color names is particularly interesting; here much of our difficulty comes about, for the color terms as used by philatelists do not even resemble the names by which they are known in other fields.

The "Interchemical Review" is published by the Research Laboratories of Interchemical Corporation, 432 West 45th Street, New York 19, with this article appearing in the 1947 Summer edition. We can't assure readers that they would send copies of the article to those asking, but should there be sufficient demand for it, the Editor of LINN'S would be glad to communicate with them for permission to reprint the article in our paper, as we feel that every stamp collector should possess a knowledge of printing processes, particularly as regards the important factor of printing inks used in stamp manufacture.

### In Case You Haven't Noticed It As Yet!!

Rush for the nearest magnifying glass to verify this one. Lt. Comdr. William H. Pitkin, USNR calls our attention to the fact that each of the guns shown on the sides of the Constitution stamps have a monogram on them that gives rise to several suppositions. The monogram is found near the middle of the guns where the supports extend from the sides. Close inspection shows a Crown under which are the letters "GR" in fancy script.

Comdr. Pitkin would like to know whether these guns were made in England, captured from an English vessel, made from an English mold, or what. Incidentally, we would like to know also. Should any of you "deep treaders" in the field of U. S. Naval History have the answer on this one, we'd be pleased to have it for publication.

### Congress To Convene In Detroit, Michigan

On December 5, 6 and 7 the Michigan Stamp Club will welcome the American Philatelic Congress to Detroit—this 13th annual gathering of Philatelists from all over the country is indeed a fine ending to the 1947 Centenary year.

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Purpose of the meeting will be to plan the economic structure of the Far East.

The Bureau of Posts of Manila honored the meeting with stamps of the following denominations, and printed in the quantities noted: 4 centavos (perf 500,000; imperf 100,000); 6 centavos (perf 300,000; imperf 100,000); 12 centavos (perf 300,000; imperf 100,000) First day sales were made in Manila and Baguio and in all the chartered cities and the capitols of the provinces.

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**Do You Have A Few Minutes To Spare?**

In case you have a few spare minutes, you might want to try the following scrambled philatelic terms that Mrs. L. P. Mullen of Brattleboro, Vermont tried on her fellow stamp club members. Each of the terms given when properly taken apart and reassembled are used by a stamp collector. As an example, if the term is "to staple on," the letters can be rearranged to spell "Postal Note." Get the idea?

1. Sprints over; 2. Is poet ran for; 3. ie: Scalp Devil Rye; 4. Hilly pate; 5. Tread out; 6. Cat slain once; 7. Steam Spoils; 8. G.O.P. Maps State; 9. This care I; 10. Rate K warm; 11. Open garage for It; 12. Slim aria. The answers are given in the paragraph below.

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New York has three stations regularly transmitting, and by means of the co-axial cable, programs transmitted from New York are simultaneously broadcast from Philadelphia and Washington. Since it has been determined that the ordinary audience before each television set in operation is usually six persons, and often as high as twelve, the opportunities for spreading the joys of philately are tremendous.

As yet, we have heard of no stamp program having been sent out over the ether by this method, and we wonder who will be the first to televise a stamp program. That the time is ripe is apparent, for the television industry has not been reluctant to feature hobbies on their programs. There is now a weekly program on how to be an artist; there are frequent programs on sports, such as skiing, golfing, fishing, hunting, with talks on the proper ways to engage in the sport question. There have been talks on the favorite indoor hobbies of bridge, photography, and other similar interests.

The medium is particularly well suited for stamp talks. Ordinary radio has been a successful medium for stamp programs for many years, and the visual possibilities of television should do a great deal to interest viewers in stamps, who today have no knowledge of the joys of the hobby.

The time element just now is particularly ripe, for the novelty of television is so great that whatever the program, a large audience is guaranteed. Where many listeners with no interest in stamps will turn a radio stamp program off because it holds no interest to them, this is by no means likely on television where even obtuse subjects like dressmaking hold male audiences in bars and taverns.

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43.....	.80	215.....	.35	310.....	1.40	422.....	1.25	516.....	.04	651.....	.12
44.....	.10	216.....	.18	311.....	2.75	423.....	6.00	517.....	.03	654.....	.10
46.....	.80	217.....	4.50	314.....	1.10	426.....	.17	518.....	.06	655.....	.02
68.....	.90	218.....	11.00	323.....	.27	427.....	.03	524.....	3.00	656.....	.03
69.....	2.10	221.....	.19	324.....	1.60	430.....	.09	525.....	.04	657.....	.14
70.....	5.40	224.....	.62	325.....	3.10	430.....	.21	526.....	.07	680.....	.14
73.....	1.60	225.....	.22	326.....	1.95	431.....	.11	531.....	1.70	681.....	.05
77.....	6.00	227.....	.85	327.....	2.63	432.....	.48	532.....	.90	682.....	.04
87.....	1.70	228.....	.95	328.....	.20	434.....	.40	535.....	1.25	683.....	.14
94.....	.20	230.....	.02	329.....	.11	435.....	.25	537.....	.40	688.....	.07
112.....	5.70	231.....	.02	330.....	1.60	437.....	.37	538.....	.32	689.....	.04
113.....	1.25	232.....	.85	333.....	.22	438.....	.15	539.....	.37	690.....	.03
114.....	.20	233.....	.20	335.....	.11	439.....	.55	541.....	1.60	702.....	.02
115.....	7.20	234.....	.28	336.....	.20	440.....	1.00	543.....	.05	703.....	.07
116.....	6.00	235.....	1.40	337.....	.14	442.....	.60	545.....	6.25	716.....	.03
119.....	7.50	236.....	.40	338.....	.05	443.....	.03	546.....	1.95	717.....	.02
134.....	3.90	237.....	.40	339.....	1.60	445.....	8.50	548.....	12	718.....	.02
135.....	1.85	238.....	3.90	340.....	.40	446.....	1.80	549.....	.07	719.....	.04
136.....	.21	239.....	6.50	341.....	.95	447.....	.95	550.....	1.95	722.....	.03
137.....	14.50	246.....	.15	343.....	.14	448.....	.08	561.....	.09	723.....	.02
138.....	16.50	248.....	.16	344.....	.17	449.....	.14	565.....	.05	734.....	.05
145.....	.26	251.....	.12	345.....	1.60	452.....	.06	572.....	.70	735.....	.14
146.....	.18	252.....	.21	349.....	.42	453.....	.06	573.....	.80	736.....	.03
147.....	.03	253.....	.36	352.....	.95	456.....	4.00	575.....	.70	738.....	.06
148.....	.85	254.....	.65	357.....	.10	457.....	.72	576.....	.17	739.....	.03
149.....	4.00	255.....	.14	368.....	2.45	458.....	.50	577.....	1.18	743.....	.03
150.....	1.50	256.....	.70	370.....	.09	462.....	.06	578.....	3.25	744.....	.04
151.....	2.90	257.....	.25	371.....	1.50	464.....	.90	579.....	1.50	745.....	.05
153.....	9.45	258.....	.21	372.....	.23	465.....	.16	581.....	.06	746.....	.06
154.....	12.00	259.....	2.50	376.....	.11	468.....	.18	586.....	.17	747.....	.09
156.....	.18	268.....	.17	380.....	.50	469.....	.65	589.....	.11	748.....	.06
157.....	.22	270.....	.11	381.....	.21	470.....	.55	590.....	.12	749.....	.05
158.....	.07	271.....	.18	382.....	1.15	471.....	1.20	595.....	6.00	750A.....	.25
160.....	4.20	273.....	.06	383.....	.13	472.....	.13	612.....	.75	751A.....	.08
161.....	.62	274.....	.42	385.....	.75	473.....	1.10	613.....	.08	754.....	.08
163.....	3.25	275.....	1.20	386.....	.80	474.....	.48	614.....	.15	755.....	.08
165.....	5.50	282.....	.11	387.....	1.75	475.....	1.60	615.....	.10	756.....	.05
166.....	13.25	283.....	.12	391.....	.33	476.....	1.40	616.....	.80	757.....	.07
168.....	.18	284.....	.31	392.....	.90	478.....	1.00	618.....	.39	759.....	.12
179.....	.65	285.....	.24	393.....	.14	479.....	2.50	619.....	1.40	760.....	.19
183.....	.07	287.....	1.00	397.....	.07	480.....	2.55	620.....	.42	761.....	.16
184.....	.06	288.....	1.15	399.....	.85	481.....	.87	621.....	2.30	762.....	.14
184.....	.03	289.....	1.95	401.....	.32	482.....	.22	627.....	.05	763.....	.17
186.....	.30	290.....	.85	407.....	.80	483.....	.80	628.....	.05	764.....	.18
186.....	.70	294.....	.13	410.....	.09	495.....	.14	629.....	.12	765.....	.17
187.....	.65	296.....	.65	411.....	.11	496.....	.06	643.....	.14	766.....	.03
188.....	.55	297.....	1.25	412.....	.15	497.....	.22	644.....	.37	767.....	.05
189.....	1.10	298.....	2.25	414.....	.09	501.....	.05	645.....	.05	768.....	.13
190.....	1.25	299.....	1.45	415.....	.80	507.....	.07	646.....	.12	769.....	.07
205.....	.22	302.....	.16	417.....	.19	509.....	.13	647.....	.30	770.....	.25
206.....	1.55	305.....	.15	418.....	.20	511.....	.13	648.....	.80	771.....	1.10
209.....	.15	306.....	.06	419.....	1.15						



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## 12,000 People See Stamp Exhibition

When a town of eighteen thousand puts on a stamp exhibition viewed by twelve thousand people, that is a job of philatelic salesmanship that merits commendation. The distinction belongs to Peekskill, New York, a town of that size on the Hudson River forty miles north of New York City.

True, the crowds didn't come just to see the stamps. The magnet was the annual Hudson Valley Exhibition, held at the state Armory in that City November 10 to 15th. The Cortlandt Stamp Club of Peekskill made the arrangements to show portions of its members' collections, and the authorities in charge co-operated to the extent of giving the Club what is probably the largest frame of exhibits ever on display at a stamp show, being ten feet high by twenty feet wide. The location was a wall right at the entrance to one of the exhibition halls through which every person attending passed. There usually was a member of the Club present to explain the significance of the stamps on view to any on-lookers interested enough to ask questions.

On Saturday night, the last night of the show, when the crowds were greatest, the Exposition authorities generously donated the use of an auditorium for an illustrated exhibition of postage stamps on a large screen in the darkened room. The Balopticon used by the Cortlandt Stamp Club, the property of Lester Perry of Jefferson Valley, N. Y., was pressed into service, and with commentary by Fred Gamble of Peekskill, a block of every commemorative stamp issued since the Railroad issue was projected and discussed.

The committee of the Cortlandt Stamp Club, who put on the highly successful show consisted of Dr. W. A. Weeks, Montrose, N. Y., Emil Ocken of Peekskill, and Herman Herst, Jr., of Shrub Oak, as well as Mr. Gamble and Mr. Perry mentioned above.

## Commendable Gesture On Dealers Part

A most commendable gesture on the part of a dealer was made by George C. McMillan of Downers Grove, Ill. In connection with the Albanian stamps that were pointed out to be an unofficial issue in last week's edition of Linn's, Mr. McMillan sent a letter to all his customers who had purchased the set from him. Quoting from this letter, it says in part—

(After a description of the issue, the following occurs) . . . . . "It will be recognized at once by you that this is the set of stamps offered and sold by me recently under the general description of "Albanian Roosevelt airmails," at \$1.20 per set. If the above report proves true, we have all been the victims of an unfortunate hoax."

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## An Innovation In Auction Descriptions

Readers of LINN'S were recently treated to a full page advertisement in stamp auction format of Norman H. Brock, of San Antonio, Texas. Brock has long been known as one of the most unusual of stamp dealers, with some antics bordering on the eccentric, a reputation in which he prides himself, as anyone who read the terms of this particular sale could have noted.

What was most unusual in this particular advertisement was the frank description that Brock gave some of his lots. While the conventional auction sticks to "Very Fine" and "Superb," and hesitates to use the term "Good," even for stamps that are unsightly, Brock leaned over backwards and used some terms never before seen in an auction listing.

The term "terrible" appeared a dozen or more times in the two or three hundred lots of United States. Another damaged stamp was described as having "had a hard life." A single of the 30, 1861 was simply described as "Awful." The penultimate was reserved for a 90c, 1890, No. 229, which is simply described as "Oh Brother."

Such frankness is certainly refreshing, but we wonder whether prospective bidders were frightened away by the "backwards descriptions." Whatever the result, Brock has again come up with the unusual, and as his contribution to frank auction descriptions, his choice of descriptive terms entitles him to philatelic immortality.

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Twenty stamp collectors from Maplewood and neighboring communities met last week for the reorganization meeting of the Maplewood Stamp Club, which had suspended its activities during the war years.

It was voted to continue in offices those present who had been leaders in the former group. They include, Ellsworth G. Ferreira, chairman; Mrs. Charles R. Smith, secretary; Arthur S. Mueller, treasurer, and Mrs. Alexander Maebert, publicity chairman. John Osmun was named as program chairman.

A "blind" auction sale is scheduled for the next meeting, November 5 in the Memorial Park shelter house. The club will meet the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 8:15 p. m.

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Lot #	Cat. #	UNITED STATES	Cat. Value	MINT	Lot #	Cat. #	Lot # 72 to 129 All Plate blocks.	Cat. Value
1	252	Very Fine plate block, almost superb	22.50		72	644	Very Fine plate block 6	4.00
2	314	Very Fine plate block 4	9.00		73	645	Very Fine plate block 6	1.00
3	319F	Very Fine pane of 6	1.50		74	704-707	2 Fine to Very Fine plate blocks of each	1.50
4	320	Very Fine plate block 4	9.00		75	651	Very Fine plate block 6	1.20
5	320A	Very Fine margin bloc, slightly stained	30.00		76	703-4	Very Fine plate blocks 4	2.40
6	343/47	Very Fine set of blocks, 4	52.25		77	690	Very Fine plate block 6	.75
7	343	Very Fine plate block, 6	4.00		78	704, 5, 6, 7	Very Fine plate block of each	1.80
8	343	Very Fine plate block, 4, retails \$2	1.25		79	710	Very Fine plate block 4	1.20
9	344	Very Fine center line bloc, 4	15.00		80	712	Very Fine plate block 4	1.50
10	344	Very Fine margin imprint bloc, 4	2.50		81	714	Very Fine plate block 4	2.25
11	345	Very Fine plate block, 6	18.50		82	681, 716	Very Fine plate blocks 6	1.25
12	345	Very Fine corner bloc, 4 L. L.	15.00		83	717-2	Very Fine plate blocks 4	.90
13	346	Very Fine plate, 4	12.50		84	718/19	Very Fine plate blocks 4	2.20
14	346	Very Fine arrow bloc, 4	17.50		85	724	Very Fine top plate bloc 6	.70
15	346	Very Fine H. line bloc, hinge marked	13.50		86	726	Very Fine plate bloc 6	.70
16	346	Very Fine center line bloc, 4	50.00		87	733	Very Fine plate bloc 6	1.00
17	346	Very Fine plate bloc, 6	18.50		88	734	Very Fine plate bloc 4	Retails \$2.50
18	346	Very Fine plate bloc, 6 with Star	25.00		89	737-5	Fine plate blocs 4	1.75
19	347	Very Fine plate bloc 6	35.00		90	738-3	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 6	1.95
20	347	Fine top arrow bloc, small thin spot	30.00		91	741-744	Fine plate bloc of each 6	1.50
21	347	Very Fine margin imprint bloc 4	22.50		92	742-3	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 6	2.10
22	368	Very Fine plate bloc 6, with star	25.00		93	745-3	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 6	3.75
23	368	Very Fine arrow bloc 4	22.50		94	772-8	Very Fine plate blocs 4	4.40
24	368	Superb top plate bloc of 6	31.50		95	773-75	76-82-2 plate blocs each, F-VF	4.40
25	371	Very Fine arrow bloc 4	22.50		96	774-16	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 6	9.90
26	373	Very Fine center line bloc 4, Ret. \$45	40.00		97	777-5	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	2.75
27	373	Very Fine arrow bloc 4	22.50		98	783-5	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	1.50
28	373	Very Fine top plate bloc 6	25.00		99	784-3	Very Fine plate blocs 4	1.50
29	383E	Imperf colis, coll of 500, cat. over	250.00		100	785/94	Complete set Fine to V.F. plate blocs	5.80
30	383	Very Fine top plate bloc 6, with large A. Rare	30.00		101	785-86	90-91-92-16 F. to V.F. plate blocs	7.25
31	383	Very Fine set corner blocs	Ret. \$12 8.00		102	785-4	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	2.60
32	384	Very Fine plate bloc 6	20.00		103	788-5	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	3.00
33	384	Very Fine plate bloc 4	Ret. \$10.00 9.00		104	799	10 802-8 Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	9.00
34	405A	Fair Imperf between	—		105	837-10	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	3.00
35	408	Very Fine matched set arrow blocs	5.00		106	835, 52, 57, 95, 97	One Plate bloc each	9.00
36	481	Very Fine arrow bloc	1.50		107	879/883	Set plate blocs 4, Just Fine	9.15
37	481	Very Fine center line bloc	Ret \$4.50 4.00		108	894-5	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	15.00
38	481	Fine set matched arrow blocs	6.00		109	895 (1) 898 (4) 902 (3) 906 (1) 8 Pl. blocs F-VF	7.50	
39	482	Very Fine plate bloc 4	10.00		110	854-5	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 6	1.20
40	482	Very Fine set matched arrow blocs	1.25		111	856-2	Very Fine plate blocs 6	3.50
41	483	Very Fine top plate bloc 6	7.50		112	899/21	Complete set Name blocs 4	19.50
42	483	Very Fine center line bloc	25.00		113	899/21	Complete set name strips of 10	30.35
43	483	Very Fine arrow bloc	7.50		114	923/27	10 Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	3.30
44	483	Very Fine bloc	4.00		115	928-5	Very Fine plate blocs 4	3.00
45	531	Very Fine center line bloc	25.00		116	928-4	V.F. matched sets of plate blocs	12.00
46	531	Very Fine plate bloc 4, with plate number	9.00		117	930/34	15 Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	3.97
47	532	Very Fine plate corner bloc	7.50		118	936/42	25 Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	7.20
48	532A	Very Fine never hinged bloc	25.00		119	E17-5	Fine to Very Fine plate blocs 4	6.25
49	532B	Very Fine rare set matched corner blocs	60.00		120	C8-3	Plate blocs 6, agency material	11.25
50	532C	Very Fine plate corner bloc	12.00		121	C8-3	Plate blocs 4, agency material	2.20
51	535	Very Fine top plate bloc 6	10.00		122	C21-2	Very Fine plate blocs 4	6.00
52	539B	Fine bloc, imperf between, Hor.	3.75		123	C22-2	Very Fine plate blocs 6	15.00
53	575	Very Fine plate bloc	3.75		124	C24	Very Fine plate bloc 6	6.00
54	575	Very Fine V. Line bloc showing 2 shades	3.75		125	C26-10	Very Fine plate blocs 4	7.50
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56	576	Very Fine center line bloc	Ret. \$9.00 6.00		127	C26-10	Very Fine plate blocs 4	7.50
57	576	Very Fine arrow bloc	2.00		128	C26-14	Very Fine plate blocs 4	10.50
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61	612	Very Fine corner bloc	9.00		131	B38-40	Austria, Complete set	8.40
62	612	Very Fine arrow bloc	9.00		132	B52-57	Austria, Complete set	2.50
63	616	Very Fine never hinged plate bloc 6	25.00		132A	B58-61	Austria, Complete set	7.00
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## California Prepares Centennial Events

Two California collectors have called our attention to the article and the design shown in the "Daily News" of Los Angeles in connection with the stamp proposed to commemorate the Centennial of California Statehood and the Discovery of Gold. Both are residents of Los Angeles, and are Arthur M. Custer and Albert Steinmetz.

The design pictures a gold prospector with his burro panning for gold at the edge of a stream, while in the background is the California mountains and an idealized representation of a city with towering skyscrapers. Wording on the design is the usual United States Postage, 3c plus the legend California Centennial 1849-1949.

From the news story in connection with the design, we learn that with an authorization given him by the State Legislature, and with a grant of \$250,000 to finance the celebration and the preliminary details, Gov. Warren has appointed a centennial commission. This group will have charge of all the details in connection with the anniversaries and events to be commemorated, and they will also have some say as to the design of the stamp to be issued.

## Self Government For Island Of Ceylon

On November 14, Ceylon formally changed its status from a colony to a self-governing partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations, and the measure granting independence to Burma completed its passage in the House of Commons.

A government white paper said an agreement between Britain and Ceylon granted the Indian Ocean island off India's east coast full and unrestricted rights of self-administration.

Britain may station land, sea, and air forces on the island by mutual agreement, and agreed to train Ceylonese armed forces. The British promised to support any request by Ceylon for membership in the United Nations.

## We Hope That This Is A Nation Wide Movement

One of the first such notices to come to our attention, on the matter, is the announcement that the Dayton, Ohio post office will hire 100 new permanent postal employees to help speed the mail through that office, and also get it to the homes and offices of business concerns. Acting Postmaster Harry Schiewitz stated that this new personnel will be spread over the carrier, clerk and special delivery messenger sections.

It may be that this is the indication that the Post Office Department has decided to get down to business and supply the service which is now missing in so many instances. We have been the recipient of any number of complaints on the part of individuals who have had difficulty in getting proper service.



## "In The Good Old Days"

by H. L. TAITTE  
 South Brooksville, Maine

It may be interesting to learn, in light of present day stamp activities in buying by the 10, 100's and 1000's that similar buying opportunities obtained generously within the last ten years of the 19th century.

10,000 variety collections were not uncommon around 1890—and 5 and 6000 variety collections were easily and inexpensively formed from the current issues of the times. Packets by countries—mixtures—sets—singles—and approval sheets, new issues—one had only apparently to express a desire as to how they wanted their stamps and they were forthcoming from the Dealers.

Quotations were in keeping with the times—viz: War Department—11 varieties complete 10 sets for 8.00. Locals—25 varieties—3.00 for 10 sets—this in 1891. All unused. In used stamps—Cape of Good Hope—9 varieties—1/2 p to 5 sh—a few triangles here—price—10 sets for 1.20; Mauritius—9 var. \$1.50 for 10 sets. And Mauritius, Britannia 5 var—10 sets for 4.50.

And for those interested in large quantities, France 1853—1874—5000 for 6.50. Another 5000 quote was that of Switzerland—1862—9.00. The smart buyer of those days—1914 in this instance, could get copies of U. S. 48 and 48a—for 2.00 each. Oh hum. And please be reminded that the copies were excellent and prices were competitive.

Opportunities were endless even in those early days and are more so now. Keep in mind the improved communications, airmail to you, is opening vast opportunities for

combined pleasure and enhancement. Classics have their place and we'd all like to possess copies—but don't neglect what's under your geographical nose, so to speak. Every new country—mandate—territory—protectorate, or what have you, effects an authentic governmentally issued No 1—stamp.

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1948

The long promised booklet "Philatelic Pathways" should be completed sometime during December and will be mailed out most likely in January of 1948. A copy is available free. If your request has not been received as yet, do not delay, as the edition, due to paper shortages, is quite limited. Whatever you do, don't miss out on getting this booklet.

Also ready for January is the beginning of a widespread publicity campaign for certain innovations. During 1948 I will distribute over \$100,000.00 NET value good stamps, in return for services rendered in connection with this campaign.

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107	.02	172	.10	237*	.09	C91	.02
108	.18	177	.35	237	.09	C92	.02
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### Our British Cousins And Stamp Auctions

Each year publication of the  
"Annual Resume" by the au-  
ction firm of H. R. Harmer, Inc.  
of New York is eagerly antici-  
pated by many who have found  
these beautifully illustrated bro-  
chures worthy additions to their  
philatelic libraries.

The one for 1947 has just been  
issued, and as usual, it contains  
countless illustrations of rarities  
that the firm has handled in the  
past year, both in the United  
States and in England. There  
are also several other articles of  
general interest, naturally for  
the most part with reference to  
stamp auctions. One double  
spread of candid photos taken at  
a stamp auction, entitled "You  
See, Philately is a very serious  
business", most of the pictures  
having been taken unbeknownst  
to the people involved, is most  
interesting.

Equally of interest, particularly  
to American stamp auction buy-  
ers who have no idea as to how  
American auction practice varies  
from British, is an article  
entitled "Auctions both sides of  
the Water". The outstanding dif-  
ferences in auction customs here  
and in England are given.

As one who has attended many  
of both, we would say that the  
article does not go far enough,  
for there are dozens of differ-  
ences easily apparent to the eye  
not mentioned. For example,  
seating arrangement varies, with  
English bidders seated around  
the outside of a curved or U-  
shaped table, while here the  
room is arranged theatre-fashion.  
It is customary in England to  
serve refreshments; here, only  
H. R. Harmer carries on this de-  
lightful custom. One example  
of deference to what is called  
the American tempo is that in  
England, the sale ceases tempo-  
rarily for the serving of tea. In  
New York, coffee is served, but  
the time cannot be spared for  
the serving, and the sale pro-  
gresses during the drinking.

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### Columbus Philatelic Club Holds Old Timers Night

The November 19th meeting of  
the Columbus Philatelic Club in  
the Virginia Hotel at Columbus,  
Ohio was the annual Old Timers  
Night Meeting at which meeting  
the annual installation of new of-  
ficers takes place and at which  
time there is also an effort made  
to get out a big attendance which  
is featured with a special effort  
to have as many as possible of  
the old time members and collectors  
present.

At this meeting, George W.  
Linn, Editor of Linn's Weekly was  
the speaker and he displayed and  
talked about his collection of Tri-  
angle stamps which has grown to  
a size where it is now housed in  
five albums and has most of the  
triangle stamps of the world both  
on and off cover.

The meeting was an exception-  
ally good one with over forty  
members and guests in attend-  
ance.

At this meeting Mr. Linn was  
perhaps the oldest in Philatelic  
activity since he had been a mem-  
ber of stamp clubs in Columbus  
in the late 90's. Mr. C. W. Sachs  
was second in this respect as his  
activity dates from about the same  
period.

Since Mr. Linn left Columbus  
in 1942, there has been a consid-  
erable development of interest in  
the hobby in that city and many  
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Day. This is one day earlier  
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than Dec. 23rd, (one day earlier  
than usual) and all copy for  
the Jan. 12 issue should be in  
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30th. (One day earlier than  
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**ITALY AMS OVERPRINTS**—Mr. Ned Rosenberg of New York, specialist in the A. M. G. issues of Italy states that these AMS issues are listed by Zumstein but that he has failed to find them in any other catalog. He states further that Mr. Harmer of Scotts showed him a letter from an Army Officer in Italy who stated that there is no record to show that these stamps were issued by the Allied Military Government in Italy. Mr. Rosenberg further states that he has made many efforts to obtain these on cover from correspondents in Italy and that he has been unable to find them thus.

James H. Naile of St. Paul, Indiana wants to know where he can buy an album or a set of pages for the stamps of New Zealand only.

A—Such things are not to be had. Frequently some collector wants an album for some single country or pages for some single foreign country. There is not a big enough market for material of this nature to justify the production of same, so therefore it can not be had. The sooner more collectors realize these facts and start using quadrille pages for their collection, just that much sooner will they find the true way to mount a stamp collection.

Frederick E. Dyking of Elmira, N. Y. wants to know about the miniature issues of the Union Of South Africa. Being unable to answer his query we asked Mr. H. M. Friedman and print the answer herewith.

A—The stamps of the Union of South Africa, catalogue numbers 128/141 all come with advertising on the sheet margins. However, this advertising is always in the SAME COLOR as the stamp, and I have just examined a strip of 3 of the 1/2d deep blue green and the

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Winning contestants will receive their awards at the annual RIPAEX dinner to be held in the Armory on Saturday evening January 17.

Present set-up of the show calls for placing of 320 frames, each of which will hold 16 regular size album pages. The bourse will be limited to 20 tables. The seals to be provided by the club will be in three different colors, and will depict the county Court House, circled by the various methods of carrying the mail during the last 150 years. This theme is in tribute to the Hackensack Post Office which celebrates its 150th Anniversary this year. Cost of the seals is three for 25c. No price, or other information has been released on the cacheted cover, but this item will be issued.

The club will also sponsor a Junior Section with a proper subdivision of entries according to age. A Purple Heart Section will contain exhibits of the disabled war veterans of Kingsbridge Hospital.

Entries in the show must be in the hands of the chairman by December 13, the date that has been set as the deadline for this service. The prospectus, entry blanks, seals and miscellaneous information can be secured from the General Chairman of the event, Paul E. Leeds, 85 W. Main St., Bergenfield, N. J.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

Joseph F. Barron of Pittsburgh recently sent some covers to our attention that he had received on the occasion of first days and other-wise. One cover that had received the cachet of the Coos Bay-North Bend flight in Oregon had a postmark that was without a number date after the July. The P. O. clerk just forgot to put the number in on this one! The back stamp of Medford, Ore. says the flight took place on July 17, 1947. Another cover had the autograph of the famed Bela Lugosi, actor of Dracula roles. It was a CIPEX first day, and Mr. Barron stated that the actor was in town for a broadcast that day.

Quiz time again. This week the gates of mercy are wide open. Everyone has a chance because the two questions chosen can be answered even by a person having only twenty-five years experience in U. S. stamps.

1. The United States Post Office has issued a total of nine different souvenir sheets in its existence. They all differ in designs, colors, shape, some are perf, some imperf: what one thing then, do they all have in common? And I don't mean that all are printed on paper!

2. What other commemorative stamp besides the recently issued U. S. Frigate Constitution stamp had its first day of issue aboard a ship; where was the ship located for the first day, and what was its name?

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The 2c Trans-Mississippi, Scott No. 286 is supposed to have a recognizable picture of the driver of the first reaper in the foreground of the design; Arbor Day, Scott No. 717, children of Alvin J. Hall, director of Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Alvan W. Hall Jr., and Ruth Hall; the 3c Olympic, Scott No. 718; the Army 3c commem, Scott No. 934; the Navy 3c commem, Scott No. 935.

A reader in New London, Wisconsin sent a cover for inspection which had been addressed to him at New London, Connecticut. He received prompt delivery of it in his Wisconsin home in spite of the Connecticut address. It did not have the usual markings applied to letters with the wrong address and applied by the Post Office, in fact it had nothing at all to indicate that the address had been wrong. This collector is not a famous personage. How then did he get the prompt and correct delivery of his mail, even though it was addressed to another state? Well, it so happens that the postmasters of these two towns with the same names have had a lot of difficulty in this respect over the years. So now each year they exchange telephone directories, and thereby have cut down on the number of "dead letters" and wrong addresses.

The Post Office Department has let it slip that the color of the Everglades stamp to be issued on December 5 is green. Heres hoping that it is darker and richer green than that of the Constitution stamp. It is my earnest hope that some day when the Department has an excellent design, that they print it in black.

In the Post Office Department Bulletin, I note that the post office personnel are once again cautioned about applying illegible and smeared postmarks to mail. Seems as if the people in the Post Offices are human like the rest of us, and need to be jacked up once in a while.

Received a cover cancelled in blood. At least the color was red like blood. There was a block of four of the 1c Prexies which had been cancelled with the thumb print of the sender after he had gathered a shot of the red ink reserved for register markings in his local post office. The culprit in this case was Richard Prindiville of Elmhurst, Ill. Another unusual cover for our books!

Heaven help us! In the November 17 column we mentioned seeing an ad in the SPA Journal for October in which CIPEX Souvenir Sheets were offered at \$1.20 per ten. This same ad appears in the November issue of the SPA Journal with the exception that the offer is marked for USED sheets, the same company, too. It is now learned that the offer as printed in the October number was typographically incorrect and should have included the word "used." No deviation from the statement made at the time the above was printed, that this sheet wont pick up value for a long time, will be made. That is still an opinion gathered from actual observance.

One of my favorite covers is one that is attractive for its sheer simplicity, and because it really sets off the stamps used on it. It is a plain white envelope on which have been affixed, side by side, the 3c Win The War, the 2c United Nations, and the 1c Four Freedoms. Try them in that order, and ask your post office clerk for light cancel on them. You might

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CORRECTION NOTICE

In the ad of Earle Todd, Box 1834 Wilshire Sta., Los Angeles 36, Calif. in both the Nov. 17th, and Nov. 24th issues some prices were wrong. Please refer to this weeks ad for correct prices on the Aircraft first day covers. These prices as they now appear are the correct ones and all readers are requested to change their orders accordingly if they have ordered from the incorrect prices.

# THE FIRST THOUSAND WEEKS ARE THE HARDEST

But with our issue for January 5th, 1948 we will have attained that goal. From there on we anticipate easier sailing and we know of no better time than the present to thank the many thousand loyal collectors who have given us their support over the past thousand weeks, a period of almost twenty years.

Likewise we want to express our thanks to the hundreds of stamp dealers who have given us their support over this period and who have thus contributed to our success in this accomplishment.

Such an accomplishment should call for celebration. Were our readers and advertising patrons here in Sidney, we would put on a party and invite them all to come and celebrate with us, but in a publication which has a circulation that covers the entire globe, such a plan is hardly possible.

Every stamp dealer who has been in business for a number of years knows quite well that the big season for stamps and stamp collecting begins after the first of each year. Collectors are somewhat slow in picking up from where the hot summer months have left off, they get into the fall season when the World Series and Foot Ball take a good bit of their interest and attention and no sooner are these interests out of the way than the holiday season is staring them in the face. After that it is settling up with Uncle Sam on income taxes and the like and when all this is out of the way and taken care of properly the collector is ready to settle down for several months of real activity with his stamp collection.

It is therefore a fact that after the first of each year, the stamp business takes a sudden spurt and continues active for several months, usually running late into the spring and wise dealers plan to take full advantage of this fact and push sales over these good months.

## 1001

That is no magic number. One Thousand and One. That is merely the whole number of our paper for the issue of January 12th. It will be the 1001st issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, the jump off number on our second thousand and we believe that it will be a logical time to celebrate. We know that our readers will be keyed up for activity and we know that dealers who are ready to go after business will appreciate the offer that we are making here. It is an offer that we believe will help you get started on this season that is now before you and which should be one of the biggest and best stamp seasons for years past.

Offers of good stamps usually bring orders and orders are what the dealer wants. We are going to do our part to help every advertiser get his share of this business and here is how we propose to do it. The plan is a simple one, yet one that we believe will give every dealer an opportunity to make a good start in this new season. To you who have never used large space, we believe the plan will be attractive in that it can show you the possibilities of big space. To you who have used big space consistently, the plan will merely result in a saving to you for this one big issue, a gift from us in appreciation of your past support and a means of helping us celebrate by giving to our readers an issue of the weekly that should set a record for years to come.

## ADVERTISING AT 25% DISCOUNT

The plan is simple, the offer is a liberal one and we anticipate a splendid response from our advertising patrons.

## HERE IS OUR OFFER

For the issues of January 12th, our 1001st issue, we propose to offer every advertiser who will use a minimum of ten (10) inches or more of space, a discount of 25% for the space used in that issue. If you are a transient advertiser, not on contract, your can use 10 or more inches of space in this issue and your bill will be made at the regular transient rate, less 25% for this single issue. If you are on contract, either 13, 26 or 52 times, you can use as much space as you want in this January 12th issue, provided it is ten or more inches and your bill will be made at the regular price that applies to your rate card for contract advertising and will be discounted 25% for the space in this single issue.

Look at your rate card, vision what this will mean for this one opportunity to get your offers before our readers, think of the saving you can make and take full advantage of this big offer by use of big space in this January 12th issue. Its our 1001 offer to you and we believe it will be appreciated by hundreds of our advertising patrons.

## SPECIAL DEADLINE FOR THIS ISSUE

Naturally, we expect a heavy volume of advertising for this big issue. Naturally such a heavy volume will press our printers to produce the paper on time and for that reason we must ask that in every case where copy is to be as much as ten inches or more that this copy must be in our hands for this big issue on December 29th. That is just three days earlier than under normal conditions, but will allow sufficient extra time for our printers to take care of the extra volume of business. If your advertisement is less than ten inches for this issue, the usual deadline of the second Wednesday preceding date of publication (December 31-But in this case December 30th) will be sufficient. We call your attention that January 1st is a holiday, thus December 30th for regular copy will be the date, but for those using space of ten or more inches for this big number we ask that copy reach us By December 29th, else we can not promise insertion in this special issue.

There you have the plan, the idea for our celebration for the dealers who want to start the new season with a bang. Get your copy ready now, plan for this big issue, take advantage of the 25% discount we offer you and plan for a big season ahead. Dealers who anticipate taking advantage of this offer will do well to write us at once and reserve the space they want. We are obliged to state that the size of the paper will be limited to not over 32 pages and in event demands are for more space than we can provide in 32 pages we will be obliged to restrict or reduce the size of some copy to permit everyone to have an opportunity to get into this issue.

If you do not have a rate card, ask for one now by airmail and lay your plans for this big celebration issue.

# LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

SIDNEY, OHIO U.S.A.





## ONE COLLECTOR TELLS ANOTHER!

Remember the old adage about the mouse-trap? Well, you won't find Shrub Oak on any but a mighty complete map, but hundreds and hundreds of collectors each month know that it is where their orders will get filled promptly and carefully. This "word of mouth" advertising has truly induced many to beat a path to Shrub Oak via the U. S. mails.

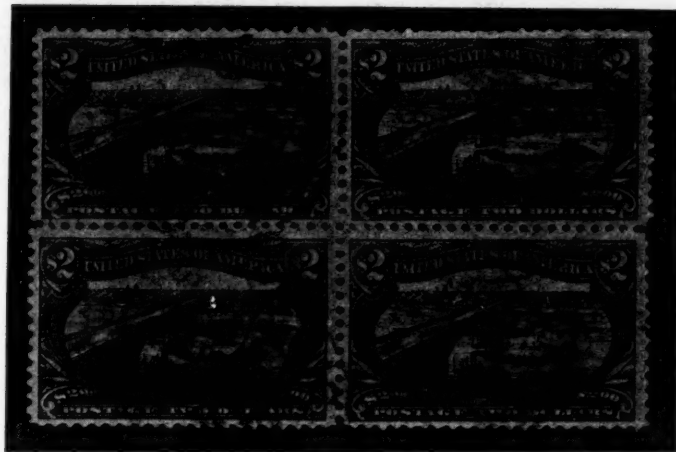
To enlarge our circle of friends, many of whom came to us through our LINN'S advertising, we are taking this opportunity to bring these offers to the many who have never yet sent us in an order. Frankly, we believe that the philatelic "gravy" days are over; we hope they will never return. Through the boom we tried to give one hundred cents value for every dollar; we gave the same "twenty-four hour service" we gave BEFORE the war. There will be no change in our policies now that it is apparent that stamp dealers are going to have to give value to merit your patronage. This advertisement follows this policy.

### 1847 - 1947



The outstanding souvenir of Stamp Centenary Year, in the opinion of many, are the tastefully designed Playing Cards which we produced. These are quality made, plastic-coated for long wear. One deck bears a perfect reproduction of the 5c 1847 on the back of each card, while the other bears the 10c 1847. There is no better philatelic Christmas gift, and stamp clubs will find them useful as

### DO YOU NEED THIS BLOCK?



The chances are that you don't have a block of the 2c Trans-Mississippi in your collection, and talking frankly, the chances are that you never will. There are mighty few of them in existence, especially in this fine condition. But in the same auction sale that contains the block illustrated above, there are ONE THOUSAND Other fine lots of lovely material, mostly United States, but including British Colonials, much of it that you will want in your album. The sale is December 13th; there isn't much time, but if you sit right down and send an air mail letter when you read this ad, the catalog can still reach you in time to send your bids. But even if you don't think there is time this trip, why not ask to be placed on our auction list for subsequent catalogs; this sale is our 39th. There will be many more, and if you are a prospective bidder, we're glad to send you catalogs.



Here's a Duck you shouldn't miss. One of the best of the recent ones used is that of 1945, RW12. With most of the hunters shooting Nips and Japs, fewer of these were sold for hunting purposes than any other recent one. If your album space

on this is empty, and chances are it is, better grab these: Average singles are 50c; Fine Copies are 80c, and Very Fine to Superb are \$1.00 each.



Pulling a rabbit out of a hat is almost as good a trick as selling stamps below face value. The Coronation set of 1937, for example, (202 varieties, including the long Newfoundland set, every set complete) had a face value then of about \$12.50. To offer them now, ten years later, at \$12.00 per set, is a good trick, but we can do it while they last. Sure, it includes all the good sets like Southern Rhodesia, South Africa etc.



Washing an elephant is almost as big a job as getting together a quantity of used Famous American set. There are 35 stamps, all different, and not only are the ten cent ones the tough ones, but some of the five's as well. We've made up a quantity though in fine used condition, and if you'd like one at \$1.45, all you need to do is send your money along. Used blocks? We have those too, at \$12.00 per set, complete.



We don't blame you for doubting that you can buy recent mint plate number blocks at a slight advance over face value. However, we're long on certain ones, and to balance our stock, we have made them up in \$5 lots. The face value is 20% less, or \$4.00. They aren't top heavy in a few special ones, but go back to the Iwo Jima, with no more than three of any item. They are all in fine mint condition. Send your \$5.00 today, for \$4 face value, and you're certain to be pleased. They contain obsoletes as well as currents.



This man is running to the P. O. for a M. O. to send to S. O. to get some of those Flags before they are sold out. He saw this ad, with singles in very fine mint at 90c per set, blocks \$3.60, and Name Blocks of Four (Retail \$10 on these) at \$7.75. All of these are complete, and of course include Korea. In the used, the single sets are 75c, and the used blocks (they make a lovely album page) are \$3.00.



Shhhhhh! Not too many of these, so we must talk softly. We do have a nice lot of mint Bicentennial Plate Number Blocks in complete sets, all in very fine shape, and as long as they are on hand, we will dole them out one to a customer at \$12.50 per set. This one we didn't shout about, for we haven't been able to offer these in two years. It'll be longer than that until we can do it again!



It shouldn't take binoculars to note this special. The Parks of 1934-5 are still one of our most popular issues, coming both Perforated and Imperforated. We can offer the Perforated set in very fine mint at \$1.20 and \$4.75, singles and blocks, and the Imperforated set mint at \$1.40 and \$5.75, respectively. For a fine showing of both issues, all twenty stamps mint complete, at \$2.50 for singles, \$10 for blocks.



Good as gold, at this price! Those who didn't feel like paying \$10 per set a year ago for Famous Americans can now get them for almost half that. And you better get them soon, for they may go even lower! Your guess is as good as ours; we only know that at \$5.75 per set for very fine mint, just now they can't be bought for less. We have blocks at \$22.50, and if you don't agree that they're the exceptional in appearance and centering, WE will pay YOU a profit if you return them. Can you lose on this?

Ever stop to think that our 5c commems are always our best stamps? This is of course because most of them went to Europe on mail. So this offer should fill some spaces: one each in Fine Used of the 5c Columbus, 5c Pan-American, 5c Omaha, 5c Louisiana, 5c Pan-Pacific, 5c Pilgrim, 5c Huguenot-Walloon, 5c Lexington, and 5c Norse. That's a lovely lot, retailing individually at \$13.50. The entire Lot of Nine, \$10.00; In Good Used condition, (sound), only \$8.75. Rush on this one!

### MATCHED PLATE BLOCKS

Do you like matched commemorative plate block sets? It's a nuisance to buy them piecemeal, even if you get them at face, especially when you can get the whole set at one time at less than the blocks would cost if bought individually at retail. All of these are in very fine condition, and we emphasize that every set is complete, with every plate number used in every position. We can offer:

#929	3c	Iwo Jima (24 Blks.)	\$4.95
#934	3c	Army (16 Blks.)	3.25
#935	3c	Navy (24 Blks.)	5.00
#936	3c	Coast Guard (16 Blks.)	3.25
#937	3c	Al Smith (16 Blks.)	3.30
#938	3c	Texas (16 Blks.)	3.00
#939	3c	Merchant Marine (16 Blks.)	3.00
#941	3c	Tennessee (16 Blks.)	3.00
#942	3c	Iowa (24 Blks.)	5.00
#945	3c	Edison (24 Blks.)	5.25
#946	3c	Pulitzer (24 Blks.)	5.00

Many earlier and later sets also available; write for quotations.

The 1941 air mail set is in process of discontinuance right now. Already the 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c have been replaced with new stamps. If you don't have this set yet, you shouldn't wait much longer. It has eight values: 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 50c. We can offer them in very fine condition, complete, at \$1.70 mint, or 60c used. Used blocks and plate blocks usually available too; write if interested.

Our famous 120 page pocket size price list is now in its 20th Edition. We usually charge a dime for it, refunding the dime when used for an order by including a credit slip with it. We've found LINN'S readers are not those who take advantage of a sincere offer so we're offering a copy free, postpaid, to anyone writing in for it who promises that he will at least take the opportunity to study it, and perhaps use it for the purpose intended, which is to facilitate your ordering stamps from us. If you just like to get a lot of mail, we'd appreciate your not asking, since each list does cost 30c to print. We know you'll be fair in this matter.

Like used blocks? If you buy the large 3c commems in fine used blocks, you're paying 8c to 12c each for them. If you'd like fourteen different, all fine used, we can give you the lot for just one dollar, and it will give you a fine start on a collection of these interesting items. Why worry about the gum? These include obsolete commems, and run right up to the most recent issues.

AS A PARTING REMINDER, MAY WE QUOTE THE OLD SIGN YOU USED TO SEE IN YOUR GROCER'S — IF YOU DON'T SEE HERE WHAT YOU WANT, JUST ASK FOR IT. WE MAY HAVE IT, YOU KNOW!

# HERMAN HERST, JR.

A.P.S.

SHRUB OAK, NEW YORK

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